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Application Number

Filing Date 10/23/2003

Art Unit

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I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Method of Processing Sounds from Stringed Instrument and Pickup Device for the Same.

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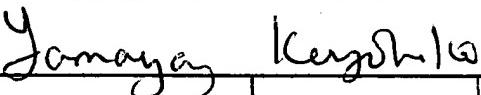
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